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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, CIA RECONNAISSANCE PROGRAMS

SUBJECT: Methane Fuel Tests

Reference your [redacted] on this subject.

A number of discussions have been held with Mr. Jones (SAFRD), SR-71 Aircraft and other personnel, Dr. Flax, and recently with Dr. McLucas on this effort. While Mr. Jones expressed interest, he was unwilling to fund the effort from Air Force funds. The SR-71 personnel displayed no serious interest in either the project or funding from SR-71 monies. The DNRO considers that there is no demonstrable benefit to the NRP, unless there is an "Advanced Aircraft" program, which is not yet approved. Accordingly, the request is disapproved at present in relation to both FY 1969 and FY 1970 initial funding. This determination has been prepared at Dr. McLucas' direction.

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NRO review(s) completed.

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